

BRIEF MENTION.

The apple crop in Sussex County is said to be almost a total failure.

If your watch needs any repairs go to Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford, Pa.

Miss Picot, employed at the Conashaugh House, is afflicted with a serious attack of appendicitis. Dr. Kenworthy attends her and she is at this date slowly improving.

Mrs. Grosch, of Nicheonk, is very ill with nervous prostration and heart disease, and for four days recently was in an unconscious condition. She is now improving in health.

If your watch needs cleaning take it to John Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford, Pa.

The little steamboat Kittatiny which broke loose at the Gap in a freshet, is like some of Corvera's ships—too badly broken up to be raised, and will be replaced by a new one.

If your watch needs a main spring Rudolph, the jeweler at Milford will put one in.

Beginning to-day (Friday) the mails for New York will close at the Milford post office at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

The Commissioners went to-day to Palmyra to examine the bridge across the Wallenpaupack below the Asley place, which is said to need re-planking.

Wisdom is greater than wealth, but it is my wisdom and your wealth.

Dr. Louis DePasse expects soon to retire from business in N. Y. where he has practiced for 33 years and to make his home in Milford. He has one of the most beautifully located cottages in the town situated on the bluff overlooking the river. The doctor will be a welcome addition as a permanent resident.

Milton S. Kimble a well known citizen of this county died last week at the Danville, N. Y., Sanitarium. The remains were brought last Friday to Lackawaxen and interred Saturday at that place.

Richard, the nine months old son of Richard J. Hoffman, of Dingman died of cholera infantum Tuesday morning. The funeral was held Thursday.

Rev. Frank Malven, of Port Jervis, very acceptably filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church here last Sunday.

Miss Maggie Leonard, of Hawley, Pa., for whom a warrant had been issued, charging her with stealing \$139 of a Mrs. Jones, eluded arrest and went to Ellenville, N. Y. Last Monday she was arrested at that place and while being taken back to Hawley, attempted suicide at Port Jervis, but was detected in swallowing poison and remedies administered. Later she was taken to Hawley.

The will of A. A. Van Auken, late of this Borough, has been admitted to probate. It divides all his estate, real and personal to his wife, and names her as the executrix.

The undivided one-fourth interest of Jane Newman, decd., in a piece of land on Harford street, was sold at administrators sale, on Monday and bought by Charles Mayne for \$175.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Jacob Kleinhaus, deceased, have been granted by the Register to Mary M. Kleinhaus, the widow.

In the contest for the pennant in the Wayne-Orange Co. League, Honesdale carried off the honors by winning two games from the Port Jervis nine on Saturday.

Light frosts prevailed in some sections last week but no damage was done. Most crops are now safe and corn is practically out of danger. In many places it is in shock.

The list of names on second page of Press is not a directory of the Delaware or aborigines in that township. They are supposed to represent actual present residents.

Work on the M., M. & N. Y. R. R. is progressing. The grading is being done on the Van Inwegen place, and the abutments for the culvert on the N. Y. side are being constructed. It is expected that the road will be completed to Milford some time during the fall.

The Orange County Fair opened at Middletown Tuesday with fine weather and a large attendance. The displays in the several departments are excellent and the prospects for a successful week are very favorable.

Carpenter A. T. Seely is moving the Smith house on Broad street back about twenty feet, so as to make a yard in front. A porch will be built on the front and also along the side. This will be a great improvement to the premises.

C. H. Wood has a contract for repainting H. Stubendorfs house, near the bridge.

A party of prominent New Yorkers, consisting of Mr. C. Rudyard Blair, a grandson of Hon. John I. Blair, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, and Mr. and Mrs. George Post, Jr., who were enjoying a drive through this part of the country on a fall-ho, arrived in Milford Friday evening and stopped at Hotel Fauchere over night.

Col. Budd—You seem intoxicated with success.

Col. Kintuck—Well, I've succeeded in getting full.

Rev. Frank Malven will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sabbath morning.

D. S. Lee was nominated by acclamation for State Senator for this district by the Democratic convention held at Stroudsburg Wednesday. Both of the contesting delegations from Carbon were admitted with a half vote each.

The Democratic Congressional convention for the 8th district will be held at Mauch Chunk Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The Homestead closed this week after a very successful season.

Dr. Louis de Passe has instituted proceedings in divorce from his wife, alleging desertion as grounds.

TO INVESTIGATE.

The President in order to determine the responsibility for the mismanagement of the conduct of the war whereby much suffering is alleged to have occurred has requested Lieutenant-General J. M. Schofield, Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, President D. C. Gilman, Gen. Chas. F. Manderson, Robert T. Lincoln, Daniel S. Lamont, Dr. W. W. Keene and Col. James A. Saxton to serve as a committee to investigate and examine into the conduct of the Commissary, Quartermaster, and Medical Bureau of the War Department during the war, and into the extent causes and treatment of sickness in the field and in the camps that the full and exact truth shall be ascertained and made known. The desire is that the committee shall be of such high character as will command the complete confidence of the country.

TAX ON WINES.

The Treasury Department has decided that stamps must be affixed to domestic as well as imported wine. Where a retail dealer fills a bottle from a barrel for his bar stock, from which he sells wine by the glass, he is not required to pay tax. If a customer calls for a pint of wine, bringing his bottle to be filled, it must be stamped. A farmer growing his own grapes, which he bottles for sale, is liable to a tax. Wines transferred to bottles by restaurant keepers and served by the bottle with meals furnished by them must be taxed.

BOUNTY ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Judge Olmstead of Potter County has decided that the act of July 9, 1897, entitled an act for the destruction of wild cats in this commonwealth, and providing for the payment of bounties on the same, officers fees and fixing a penalty for violation of the same is unconstitutional and that its subject is not clearly expressed in its title.

The title of the act is for the destruction of wild cats, foxes and minks. The decision may be found in 7th, Dis. Reports P. 189.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., for week ending Sept. 10, 1898. Ladies—Mrs. D. L. Bruce, Mrs. Grace D. Bell, Gentlemen—A. C. Snyder, E. Edwards, James W. Brown. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. Jas. S. Gale, P. M.

PEACE COMMISSION.

As finally constituted the Commission stands: William E. Day, of Ohio. Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota. William P. Frye, of Maine. Whitelaw Reid, of New York. George Grey, of Delaware.

PERSONAL.

George Singer, of Palmyra, with his sister Carrie, of N. Y., visited their former schoolmate, Mrs. Geo. Dauman, recently. Although residents of the county, this was their first visit to Milford.

Miss Emma Gehrke, of N. Y., and Charles Bender and wife, of Jersey City, are spending a couple of weeks with Treasurer Daumann. Mrs. Bender is a niece of Mrs. Daumann. Anna Kreiger, of Greentown, who has been spending several weeks very pleasantly in Milford visiting relatives, returned to her home this week.

Fred Klaer, a student at Amherst, returned last Saturday to his work.

John G. Miller and wife, of Newark, are visiting their son, Charles G., in Westfall.

Mrs. O. S. Twist and daughter Marion P., of Passaic, are visiting the family of J. W. Palmer, in Westfall.

Andrew Kleinhaus, of Beldivero, N. J., was in attendance at the funeral of his brother, Jacob last Friday. Mary who has charge of a ward in St. Lukes Hospital and Mrs. Emma VanElton and daughter Eva, of N. Y. Edgar, of Hoboken N. J. and John, of Blooming Grove, were also present at the last sad rites over their father.

Mrs. L. R. Mott and daughter, of Ellenville, were at Milford last Friday and went from here to Lackawaxen to attend the funeral of M. S. Kimble.

Andrew Yetter, of Blairstown, was in Pike this week looking after his lumber interests.

Sanford Schiols, who polished shoes here during the summer, left Milford last Saturday for New York in the care of a Catholic priest, who placed him in an Orphans home, in that city.

G. B. Drake, the artist, and John P. Everitt, Esq., who have been spending the heated term at the Elmigold House, returned to N. Y. last Sunday.

Aaron Goldsmith, Esq., City Solicitor, P. S. Dyer, Fred Green and F. A. March Jr., wheeled up the valley and spent last Sunday at the Hotel Fauchere.

George White, of New York, a member of the 71st, is spending part of his sixty days furlough at I. A. Watts. He was at the front at Santiago and his brother next him in the ranks was killed.

Frank Crissman, Senatorial candidate, went to Stroudsburg Wednesday to attend the convention. He took as his conferees J. C. Westbrook, Jr., G. A. Svepenizer, and Hon. John C. Houck.

Dave Chapman, A. Q. Wallace and Frank Cross have been camping this week at Brown's Mill in Porter.

Richard Humbert and family left town Monday for Brooklyn. He will engage in the manufacture of shelled cheese, a business he built up, and which promises excellent returns.

Robert Struthers and son Vivian, will leave to-day (Friday) for Brooklyn, where they expect to remain for some time.

Charles Whitesell, of Dingmans, has gone to Nebraska where he expects to take charge of a ranch owned by him.

Miss Lulu Schorr was the recipient of a Remington wheel last Thursday, which was the gift of an aunt.

W. H. Stoddard and constable W. S. Van Auken, of Lehman were at Milford Thursday.

James W. Pinchot returned to Gray Towers this week.

Mrs. F. A. Westfall and Miss Lydia Brown will go to the sea shore for a two weeks vacation.

The Bull and Kiner families of the Borough were joined at Marienfeld camp Wednesday by the family of C. F. Van Inwegen, of Port Jervis, and all enjoyed a picnic with J. C. Bull and wife.

BINGHAMPTON AND RETURN.

On Thursday Sept. 22, the Erie will run a special excursion to Binghamton and Ross Park leaving Port Jervis at 7.30 a.m. Returning leaving Binghamton at 6.10 p.m. at the very low rate of \$1.25 for the round trip.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cassell's Candy Cathartic. 50c or \$1.00. U. S. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

NEWS NOTES.

The revised football rules for 1898 have been made public. The principal change is in scoring. A touchdown which heretofore counted 4 points, will count 5, a goal will count 1 instead of 2 as formerly, and a field goal will count 5 as before.

Maine followed her usual habit this week and went Republican. Czar Reed will go back to Congress to terrorize the Democrats and give some of them especially an occasional bad half hour.

The Republican Congressional Conference for this District will be held at Easton, Saturday, Sept. 24th.

An explosion of gasoline in Philadelphia last Sunday evening demolished three houses, killed four and wounded a number of people.

The Stroudsburg carpet mills was destroyed by fire Monday. The mill had just been built by the Board of Trade and was about ready to run on full time, and double the number of hands employed. Insurance \$23,000, loss not yet known.

An engine which had been hauling an excursion train on the N. Y., S. & W. R. R. was run into by the Chicago Limited, while it was backing out of the Pennsylvania depot at Jersey City Sunday evening. Henry Jaques, a conductor, who was on the Susquehanna engine at the time, sustained injuries from which he died in less than an hour. John Tice, the engineer, had his kneecap fractured and Wm. Kelo, the fireman, his left leg broken. The engineer and fireman on the other locomotive escaped unhurt, and their engine and train were not damaged.

Five hundred persons have been killed and thousands injured by a hurricane at St. Vincent and Barbadoes, in the British West Indies. Sixty thousand people have been made homeless, and the loss of property is very great.

Pennsylvania Regiments as a rule have suffered less with sickness than others encamped near them. Our troops were efficient and well equipped, and did not indulge in those excesses which brought on disease. Want of care in eating and drinking was a great provocative to much of the alleged disorder in camp.

The State league of Republican clubs last week elected Archibald Mackrell of Pittsburg President.

SUSSEX CO. COURT NOTES.

Court convened Tuesday morning with Judges Magie and Huston on the bench. The Grand Jury list being called all were present and the Court therefore excused John C. Howell, President of the Merchants National bank. The list of civil causes were called and it was found that all were off by consent, adjourned or settled. The court charged the Grand Jury with reference to the homicide at Franklin and adjourned to 3 o'clock, when the Hotel licenses before the court were granted with the exception of John B. Storms, saloon, at Hamburg. A remonstrance being presented the case was set over to Friday morning 9 o'clock. The petit Jurors were excused until Tuesday morning Sept. 20.

Another cheap Niagara Falls and Toronto excursion. The Erie has decided to give the people of Milford and vicinity another opportunity to visit Niagara Falls at the very low rate of \$3.00 and Toronto, Ont., at \$4.00 for the round trip on Saturday, Sept. 24th, leaving Port Jervis at 7.30 P. M. and arriving at the Falls 6.50 A. M. Sunday, Sept. 25th. The Niagara Falls tickets will be good for return on the special train leaving the Falls at 5.00 P. M. Sunday, Sept. 25, or on any regular train Monday, Sept. 26, and the Toronto tickets will be good for stop both going and returning at Buffalo or Niagara and will be good for return up to Thursday, Sept. 29th. Make a note of the date, Saturday, Sept. 24, and the low rate of fare, as no one can afford to miss this grand opportunity.

At a meeting of the managers of the Milford Cemetery Association held Sept. 14, H. B. Wells was elected President, C. W. Bull Treasurer, and Wm. Angle a manager to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jacob Kleinhaus.

OBITUARY.

Leah E. Stoll.

Mrs. Stoll, who died at her home in Dingman's Ferry Thursday, Sept. 8, was a daughter of the late Martin W. and Belinda Hornbeck Dingman. She married Albert S. Stoll, who for several years carried on the mercantile business at Dingmans, and who died at that place Sept. 24, 1855. Since then she has always resided there, leading a quiet, unostentatious life, greatly respected by those who were fortunate in possessing her acquaintance and friendship. Her age was about seventy years. She is survived by three sisters, Margaret Jane, and Frances C., both unmarried, and Mary, wife of Rev. G. S. Garretson, all residing at Dingmans.

The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 10, and interment in the Milford cemetery.

Peter Brink.

Peter Brink died at his home near the Brick House Saturday evening at 10 o'clock of general debility. Deceased was born in Montague Dec. 19 1827. During the war he was a member of Co. A 2 Regt. N. J. Vol. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two daughters, Miriam, at home, Jennie, wife of Wm. Davenport, of Milford, and one son Henry, residing near Plains Church.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning from the house, Rev. J. Fisher officiating.

Interment in Reformed church cemetery.

A BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

Last Saturday, from four to seven, a large company greeted Mrs. Wm. H. Armstrong at her home on lower Broad street. The house was beautifully decorated with Autumn leaves and ferns, and the guests were cordially received by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, assisted by Miss Harmons. Refreshments were served by Mrs. W. V. Hilliard, Miss Anna Gallagher, and Miss Todd. The music which added a charm to this pleasant occasion, was furnished by Messrs. Cross and Spring, of Port Jervis. Mrs. Armstrong is a most graceful entertainer and those so fortunate as to enjoy her hospitality came away charmed with delightful recollections of the event.

TOWN TO BE LIGHTED.

At a meeting of the Borough Council held Saturday evening, Sept. 10, an agreement was made with the Acetylene Gas Co. to light the Borough for a period of seven years. Forty lamps are to be erected and the light is to cost \$16 per each lamp, or \$640 a year for the total. The Borough is to buy the lamps and posts at a cost of \$8 each or \$320.

The Council also contracted with T. Armstrong for a lot 40x150 on Catharine Street, nearly opposite the schoolhouse, on which to erect a hose house, etc. The price paid for the lot is \$250.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Richard D. Merry and wife to C. A. Debron, dated Sept. 8, land in Lackawaxen, 3 acres; consideration \$200.

Wm. Angle and wife to Geo. E. Horton, dated Jan. 1 1899 land in Dingmans, equal undivided 1/2 interest; consideration \$500.

Mrs. Josephine Morgan and husband to J. Alice Grey, dated April 25, land in Delaware, 2 1/2 acres; consideration \$500.

Thos. A. Malford to J. Alice Gray dated May 1897, land in Delaware, 2 1/2 acres; consideration \$20.

Hannah J. Dingman et al. to C. H. Hagert, dated Sept. 3, 1898, land in Delaware, one acre-43 p.; consideration \$1.

Henry D. Clark to Michael B. Pitney, dated Sept. 5, land in Delaware 17 acres, Mollineux mill property; consideration \$315.

ACCIDENT ON THE M. M. & N. Y. R. R.

On Monday afternoon an Italian laborer was assisting about the cars and met with an accident, having his arm broken. Dr. Banks was called immediately and found it necessary to amputate the arm two inches below the shoulder.

PRICES AT MILFORD.

Flour.....\$5.75 per bbl.
Butter..... 22 " lb.
Eggs..... 22 " doz.
Feed..... 35 " cwt.
Oats..... 35 " bu.
Corn..... 50 " "

MEETING OF SUSSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6th, eighteen men of more than average ability met to make up the body known as the Sussex County Board of Assessors, met in the Court House in Newton as a board of equalization, and to tabulate an abstract of rates from which is obtained the percentage by which each Assessor works out his proportion of State and County tax.

The Board organized at 10.30 o'clock A. M. by the election of Jno. J. Van Sickle, of Sandyston, as Chairman, Geo. Hardin, of Newton, and Frank Emmanis, of Hampton, as Secretaries. The townships were called in alphabetical order for their list of rates, and the work of compiling the abstract filled in the time until twelve o'clock, when adjournment was made to one o'clock sharp.

The Board was called to order at 1.30, and the work of the forenoon continued. When Sandyston was reached the Chairman called the attention of the Board to the fact that it was the only township in the County that gave up as many acres as was contained in it, according to the geographical survey of N. J., other townships falling short from 400 to 7,000 acres. The efforts to average the price of land in the different townships are of course (title and misloading under these conditions. Hardyston's duplicate showed an increased assessment of over \$300,000. The Assessor, Smith Simpson, was interrogated by the Chairman as to why the assessment on the mining properties was not placed at the amount of the mortgage, according to the resolution introduced at the last meeting of the Board. In answer Mr. Simpson presented a list made by Joseph Van Master, Supt. of the zinc mines, of properties covered by the \$1,700,000 mortgage given to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. of N. Y. by the N. J. Zinc Mine Co., much of which he claimed was located elsewhere than in Hardyston and Sparta Townships, and for this reason their assessment should not be increased to the extent as asked for last year, and as set forth in said resolution at \$1,700,000. Chairman Van Sickle did not think the mortgage included this list of properties, and on motion it was agreed that the mortgage record in the Clerk's Office, consisting of 40 pages be carefully examined, and the matter set right. Chairman Van Sickle and Smith Simpson spent Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in a careful scrutiny of the record, which resulted in the find that the properties in Hardyston and Sparta, Newark and Jersey City were the ones covered by the mortgage, and the properties named by Mr. Van Master as being in other States were not originally included, but probably are now by a blanket clause in the mortgage, as follows: "Besides the properties herein described this mortgage shall include such other properties as may be hereafter acquired." A certified Assessment of the Newark property was before the Board last year, but none had been obtained of the Jersey City property. The unknown value of the latter prevented the Board from fixing a set sum at which the N. J. Zinc Mine Co. should be assessed this year. No facts were brought out that would invalidate the claim that there is ample property in Hardyston and Sparta Townships to secure the mortgage of \$1,700,000. A certified assessment of the Jersey City property will no doubt be obtained before another year. While the work could not be fully completed for reasons, it is gratifying to know that the agitation of this subject by Assessor Van Sickle shows in an increased valuation on these properties of over \$300,000 this year. Tuesday afternoon a motion was made to investigate all the duplicates, and on calling the roll it was carried 12 to 2; absent 4. After a considerable talk as to the methods to be employed in the investigation, Geo. Hardin of Newton moved that the vote be rescinded. The motion was lost by a vote of 10 to 5; absent 4. The investigation was therefore begun on the plan that the Chairman should read over two or three duplicates, excepting his own, and that should be read by the Secretary, the Board as a committee of the whole meanwhile making such suggestions and attentions as might seem necessary. While Byram was

under consideration the Chairman suggested that as the assessment of Samuel T. Smith, of Waterloo, last year was \$25,000, and judging from the bequests made public since his death, it was reasonable to infer that it was much too low, therefore, that the executor, Seymour R. Smith, be subpoenaed to appear before the Board to answer as to this matter on Wednesday. The motion to that effect carried and the subpoena was issued. Wednesday morning the Board resumed its work by taking up Deckertown, Frankford, Hampton, Lafayette and Montage, with no serious questions raised as to either of them. Newton came next with a significant raise in the valuation that showed that the estate Hardin had shrewdly noted the trend of events, and rather upset his claim of last year that Newton was assessed high. He took credit for \$51,000 increase in his valuation, but as the Chairman discovered that H. W. Merriam's assessment of \$66,000 was omitted from his duplicate, the correction of this oversight increased the valuation to the total of \$117,000, and Newton as a whole is not yet high.

Mr. Seymour R. Smith, executor of the estate of Samuel T. Smith, with his counsel, Thos. M. Kays, now appeared before the Board, and Mr. Smith was sworn. The questions being too pointed to meet his approval, answers were refused by advice of counsel. Chairman Van Sickle explained that the Board had two remedies to meet this emergency: (1.) That Mr. Smith was amenable to the courts for contempt, or the assessment could be doubled, and then excused him from further attendance. At this point Mr. Kays began to question his client, the Board and the Chair, but the Chair declared him out of order, since his client was excused. Mr. Kays persisted and the Chairman ordered a roll call to settle the point. The Board unanimously sustained the Chair, and Mr. Kays bowed to the inevitable. No evidence was brought out in the skirmish that would in any way weaken the claim put forth by Chairman Van Sickle that the assessment of \$25,000 on this estate was too low. The only point advanced by either lawyer or client in extenuation, was that the bonds and stocks held by the estate against corporations outside of this State, were not taxable in this State. The Chair held to the contrary, and on examining the law, the Chair was found to be correct. Adjournment was now had to 1.30 P. M. On assembling the question was unfortunately overlooked, and no further action was taken respecting it. Newton received some further criticism, and the Chairman pleasantly suggested to Assessor Hardin that the valuations on certain large properties in the town be increased next year by 1/4 or even 1/2; to Assessors Northrop of Green and Demarest of Lafayette, that they ought not to be criticized for reducing their valuations somewhat on farm properties next year. By comparison it was found that Newton and Sandyston were the only towns that assessed the telephone companies. Otherwise than as stated above the townships came out of the ordeal handsomely, and the Assessors feel almost without exception that the investigation that had been so long dreaded, had, as it were, cleared the atmosphere, settled many doubts, brought them all in closer touch, and gives them a more comprehensive grasp of the true situation than they ever had before. Coupled with this must be a feeling of gratification that the investigation has resulted in adding nearly half a million of dollars to the valuation from sources that work no injustice to any, and does relieve in some measure where the oppression was greatest. There is evidently a spirit of justice pervading the Board now that I am persuaded will not halt until many other evils are corrected and actual equalization of assessments in Sussex County is much nearer an accomplished fact than it has ever been before.

HAPPY CAMPERS.

A merry lot of young people have been camping this week at Brink's pond, enjoying the fishing and having a good time generally. Those composing the party are: Misses May and Grace Boyd, Lilly and Mamie Van Tassel, Ella and Etta Kipp, Mr. J. B. Van Tassel and wife, and Mr. J. C. Blanchard.